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RULES

AND

LIST OF MEMBERS.

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IV. Reports of Committees.

V. Election of Officers and the Executive Committee.

VI. Election and Resignation of Members.

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RULES

I.

This Club shall be called "THE COACHING CLUB," and its object shall be to encourage four-in-hand driving in America. The Club shall consist of the following members:

JAMES GORDON BENNETT,
FREDERIC BRONSON,
WILLIAM P. DOUGLAS,

LEONARD W. JEROME,
WILLIAM JAY,
DELANCEY A. KANE,
S. NICHOLSON KANE,
THOMAS NEWBOLD,
A. THORNDIKE RICE,

and such others as shall be elected.

II.

No one shall be eligible for membership in the Coaching Club, unless the candidate shall exhibit to the officers of the Club satisfactory evidence, both of his ability to drive four horses, and of his actual ownership of a drag in America, in whole or in part, to the extent of at least one-fourth of a drag.

III.

The Officers of the Club shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary, who shall also be the Treasurer.

The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Club and to lead all the drives.

The duties of the Vice-President shall be to perform all the duties of the President in his absence, and to bring up the rear of the drives, when the President leads.

The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep the minutes of all meetings of the Club, and to keep possession of its property.

These three Officers, together with three other members of the Club, to be elected as hereinafter provided, shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Club, and shall from time to time make rules for its manage-

ment, as they may deem advisable; subject, however, to the approval of the Club, at its next meeting.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the Officers of the Club, or in the membership of the Committee itself, and the person elected to fill such vacancy shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Club.

A quorum of the Executive Committee, for the transaction of business, shall consist of three members.

IV.

This Club shall consist of not more than seventy members.

V.

Every member of the Club being the sole owner of a drag shall be entitled to one vote; and those owning a drag in common shall be entitled to but one vote for such drag.

VI.

A quorum of the Club, for the transaction of business or the election of members, shall consist of a sufficient number of members to represent five drags.

VII.

Candidates for membership shall be proposed and seconded by two members of the Club, and the name and residence of each candidate shall be entered by the proposer, in his own handwriting, in a book provided for that purpose, at least two weeks before the regular or a special meeting of the Club. Candidates so proposed shall be balloted for by the members at a regular or special meeting of the Club, and one black ball in five shall exclude. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to send to the post-office address of each member the name of the proposed candidate, with his residence and the names of his proposer and seconder,

as soon as the same are entered in the book as hereinbefore provided. The Secretary shall then acquaint the Officers of the Club with the name of the proposed candidate, in order that they may inform themselves as to his qualifications under Rule II. Upon receipt, by the Secretary, of a report from the Officers of the Club, or by any two of them, that the candidate is eligible under Rule II., he may be balloted for at the next meeting or at any special meeting of the Club. And no Officer of the Club shall propose or second a candidate for membership.

In balloting for candidates, only one vote or ballot shall be allowed to each drag.

VIII.

The Annual Meet of the drags shall take place in New York, on such Saturday in April or May as the Executive Committee may designate. The other details of the Meet shall be arranged by the Executive Committee.

Fines shall be imposed upon all members failing to be present at the Annual Meets ; subject, however, to the following conditions :

That a notice be sent by the Secretary to each member, one month previous to every Annual Meet, asking if he intends to be present.

Should the answer be in the negative, no fine shall be imposed.

Should the answer be in the affirmative, the fine shall be fifteen dollars for non-attendance.

Should, however, a proper excuse be offered to the Executive Committee, they shall have power to remit the fine, but not otherwise.

A fine of ten dollars shall be imposed upon all members failing to be in line fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the Annual Meet, and this fine shall be subject to no excuse whatever.

Members are required to wear the uniform of the Club at all Meets.

IX.

There shall be a Summer Meet of the drags at Newport on such a day in August as the Executive Committee may designate. The other details of the Meet shall be arranged by the Executive Committee.

The appearance of members of the Club with their drags shall be optional, and shall not excuse their non-attendance at the Annual Meet in New York.

A fine of ten dollars shall be imposed upon all members who have agreed to be present, and fail to be in line fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the Meet, and this fine shall be subject to no excuse whatever.

Members are required to wear the uniform of the Club at all Meets.

X.

The uniform of the Club shall be a dark green cutaway coat, with the regulation buttons of the Club and a yellow striped waistcoat.

The evening dress uniform of the Club shall be, in cut, that of the conventional evening dress.

Coat of green cloth, with a black velvet collar, faced and lined with black satin or silk.

Waistcoat of buff cloth for winter, and of a white material for summer.

Trousers of black cloth.

Buttons, the regulation ones.

The evening uniform to be worn at the option of the members.

XI.

The regular meetings of the Coaching Club shall be on the second Saturdays of January and March, at a time and place to be designated by the President.

A special meeting of the Club may be at any time called by the President, by notice mailed to the members three days in advance of such special meeting, and the President shall call a special meeting at any time upon the request of three members.

XII.

The dinners of the Coaching Club shall be on the same days as the regular meetings.

The caterer shall be appointed by the President, and the cost of the dinner divided between the members signifying their intention to be present at least three days before the dinner. Members failing to do so shall be supposed to have declined.

XIII.

Strangers may be invited to the dinners of the Club, subject to the following restrictions:

No member may invite more than one guest.

No more than three guests shall be invited to any one dinner.

The Secretary must be notified of such invitations at least two days before the dinner.

XIV.

The President shall have the power of inviting distinguished strangers or foreigners, without reference to the privileges given to members under Rule XIII., nor subject to the restrictions therein mentioned.

The Secretary must be notified of such invitations at least two days before the dinner.

XV.

The election of Officers and of the Executive Committee shall take place at the regular annual meeting of the Club, to be held in January.

XVI.

The annual dues or subscriptions to the Club shall be thirty-five dollars, payable on the first day of January, in advance. The revenue thus obtained, after providing for the ordinary expenses, shall be applied towards defraying the cost of the dinner after the Annual Meet.

The initiation fee to the Club shall be seventy-five dollars.

XVII.

Notices shall be sent, by registered mail, not later than the 15th of June in each year to all members who shall then have failed to pay their yearly subscriptions for the current year, calling their attention to the fact of such failure, and enclosing a copy of Rule XVII. A member failing to pay his yearly subscription prior to July 1st, or who shall fail to pay any other indebtedness to the Club, during the fiscal year in which such indebtedness may have been incurred, shall, after notification to pay the same has been sent to him at his last known address, cease to be a member. The Club shall, however, have the power to restore his membership, in case his failure to make payment be proved to be accidental.

The Club shall have power to put an end to membership whenever, in its judgment, the conduct of

a member shall have been prejudicial to the Club, by a two-thirds vote by ballot of the members present at a regular meeting, due notice having been forwarded to each member by the Secretary.

XVIII.

The Club shall have power, in their discretion, to confer honorary membership upon the President of another coaching club, by a two-thirds vote by ballot of the members present at a regular meeting, after due notice.

XIX.

A former member of the Club shall be re-eligible without the qualifications prescribed by Rule II. ; and, upon re-election, shall be exempt from the initiation fee.

XX.

The Executive Committee shall be the sole judges of the qualifications of the drag of every candidate, which shall be substantially the same as the model or design deposited with the Secretary.

XXI.

The rules shall only be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Club present at a regular or special meeting, due notice having been forwarded to each member by the Secretary.

The following rules in reference to the use of the Pioneer were passed by the Executive Committee.

That an application for the use of the Pioneer, for one day, shall be addressed to the President ; in his absence, to the Vice-President ; and when both are absent, then to the Secretary. When the Pioneer is wanted for a longer space of time, the application shall be made to the Executive Committee.

Resolution passed the 14th February, 1885.

Members proposing and seconding a candidate for membership are requested to take the earliest opportunity to acquaint the members of the Club with the qualifications of the candidate.

OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT,

WILLIAM JAY.

VICE-PRESIDENT,

REGINALD W. RIVES.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER,

WILLIAM C. GULLIVER.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

PRESCOTT LAWRENCE,

ROBERT L. GERRY,

ALFRED G. VANDERBILT.

MEMBERS.

BRYCE J. ALLAN,
CHARLES A. BALDWIN,
J. D. ROMAN BALDWIN,
AUGUST BELMONT,
OLIVER H. P. BELMONT,
PERRY BELMONT,
JAMES GORDON BENNETT
A. S. BIGELOW,
C. LEDYARD BLAIR,
G. L. BOISSEVAIN,
NEILSON BROWN,
EDWARD BROWNING,
JAMES A. BURDEN, JR.,

ALEXANDER J. CASSATT,
SEYMOUR L. CROMWELL,
WILLIAM P. DOUGLAS,
TRACY DOWS,
GEORGE P. EUSTIS,
FREDERIC GEBHARD,
PETER GOELET GERRY,
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WILLIAM C. GULLIVER,
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GEORGE G. HAVEN, JR.,
EUGENE HIGGINS,
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JAMES HAZEN HYDE,

C. OLIVER ISELIN,
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DELANCEY A. KANE,
S. NICHOLSON KANE,
GUSTAV E. KISSEL,
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OGDEN MILLS,
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WILLIAM FORBES MORGAN,
EDWARD MORRELL,

RICHARD MORTIMER,
STANLEY MORTIMER,
GEORGE R. READ,
REGINALD W. RIVES,
J. ROOSEVELT ROOSEVELT,
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W. WATTS SHERMAN,
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T. SUFFERN TAILER,
EDWARD T. H. TALMAGE,
E. V. R. THAYER,
NATHANIEL THAYER,
JAMES J. VAN ALEN,
ALFRED G. VANDERBILT,

REGINALD C. VANDERBILT,
WILLIAM K. VANDERBILT,
W. SEWARD WEBB,
GEORGE PEABODY WETMORE,
HARRY PAYNE WHITNEY,
WILLIAM WOODWARD.

DECEASED

DUKE OF BEAUFORT,

GEORGE A. BECH,

AUGUST BELMONT,

ISAAC BELL, JR.,

FREDERIC BRONSON,

HAROLD BROWN,

H. R. A. CAREY,

HUGO O. FRITSCH,

CHARLES F. HAVEMEYER,

THEODORE A. HAVEMEYER,

LEONARD W. JEROME,

C. H. JOY,

N. GRISWOLD LORILLARD,

ISAAC H. REED,

FRANCIS R. RIVES,

FAIRMAN ROGERS,

WILLIAM C. WHITNEY.

RESIGNED

F. O. BEACH,
CHARLES CARROLL,
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RICHARD McCREERY,
FREDERICK NEILSON,*
THOMAS NEWBOLD,
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E. M. PADELFORD,
JAMES V. PARKER,
A. THORNDIKE RICE,*
CHRISTOPHER R. ROBERT,*
PERRY TIFFANY,
WILLIAM R. TRAVERS,
FRANCIS T. UNDERHILL,
AUGUSTUS WHITING,*
CHARLES P. WILLIAMS.

*Deceased.

RULES FOR JUDGING

Park Drags and Road Coaches

AS ADOPTED BY

THE COACHING CLUB

The Drag should have a perch and be less heavy than a Road Coach and more highly finished, with crest or monogram on the door panels or hind boot, or foot-board.

The axles may be either Mail or Collinges (not imitation).

The hind seat should be supported by curved iron braces, and be of a proper width for two grooms, without lazy-back.

The lazy-backs on the roof seats should be turned down when not in use.

The under side of the foot-board, together with the risers, should be of the same color as the under-carriage.

The Road Coach should be built stronger than a Park Drag, especially as to the under-carriage and axles, which latter should not measure less than two inches in diameter.

The axles may be either Mail or Collinges (not imitation.)

The hind seat is usually supported by solid wooden risers, with wooden curtain, but the supports may be of curved iron, as in a Park Drag, in which case a stationary leather curtain is used. Its seat should be wide enough for at least two beside the guard, who should occupy the near side with an extra cushion. He should have a strap to take hold of when standing to sound the horn.

The lazy-backs of the box-seat, hind seat, and roof seats should be stationary.

The under side of the foot-board, together with the risers of the box and rumble, should be of the same color as the under-carriage.

The body of the Drag and the panel of the hind boot should correspond in color.

The door of the hind boot should be hinged at the bottom, that it may be used as a table when open.

The skid and safety hook (if carried) should be hung on the off side.

It is customary to trim the outside seats in either pigskin or cloth, and the inside of the Drag in Morocco or cloth.

The coachman's driving apron, when not in use, should be folded on the driving cushion, outside out. Passengers' aprons, if carried, to be folded and placed on the front inside seat.

A watch and case are not essential, nor is the pocket in the driving cushion.

The body of the Coach and the panel of the hind boot should also correspond in color.

The door on the hind boot to be hinged on the off side to enable the guard to open it from the near hind step when the Coach is in motion.

The skid and safety hook must be hung on the off side in countries in which it is customary to drive on the off side of the roadway, for the skid should be on the outside wheel or the Coach will slide towards the ditch.

The trimming of the outside seats should be of carpet or any other suitable material, not leather. The inside of the Coach is usually finished in hard wood or leather.

The coachman's driving apron, when not in use, should be folded on the driving cushion, outside out.

A foot-board watch with case should be provided. The driving cushion should have a pocket on the near side.

There should be no luggage rails, or straps on the roof between the seats.

Inside, the Drag should have :
Hat straps fastened to the roof.
Pockets on the doors.
Places over the front or back seats where the lamps may be hung when not in use.
An extra jointed whip.

The umbrella basket when carried to be hung on the near side.

Lamps off.—Lamps inside coach.

Two extra lead bars, consisting of a main and side bar, fastened to the back of the hind seat with straps. Main bar above.

Lead bars put on with screw-heads of furniture up.

The iron rails on the roof, between the front and back seats, should have a lattice or network of leather straps to prevent small luggage, coats, rugs, etc., placed on the roof, from falling off.

Inside, the Coach should have :
Hat straps fastened to the roof.
Leather pockets at the sides or on the doors.
An extra jointed whip.

The basket shall be hung on the near side and in front of the guard's seat. The horn should be placed in the basket with its mouthpiece up.

Side lamps in place and ready for use.

Two extra lead bars, consisting of a main and side bar, fastened to the back of the hind seat with straps. Main bar above.

Lead bars put on with screw-heads of furniture up.

The following articles to be neatly stowed inside the front boot :

A small kit of tools.
An extra lead and wheel trace.
A rein splicer or two double buckles of different sizes.
Extra hame straps.

Loin cloths for team and the necessary water-proof aprons should be carried in a convenient and accessible part of the Drag.

It is usual for a Park Drag to be fitted with luncheon boxes, wine racks, etc., also a box on the roof called an "Imperial." This latter is never carried except when going to the races or a luncheon.

The following articles to be neatly stowed in a convenient part of the Coach :

A wheel jack. Extra hame straps.

A chain trace. Extra lead trace.

An extra bit. A bearing rein.

A rein splicer, or two double buckles of different sizes. A kit of tools, comprising a wrench, hammer, cold chisel, coil of wire, punch, hoofpick and knife.

Two extra large rings for kidney links, or a pair of pole pieces.

The guard should be appropriately dressed and should have a way-bill pouch with a watch fitted on one side and a place provided for the key of the hind boot.

Pole chains should be burnished and have spring hooks. The chains should be of a length which will admit of snapping both hooks into the pole headring. If too short, one end should be hooked in the pole headring and the other in a link. If too long, one end should be snapped in the pole headring, and the other brought through said ring (from the outside in) and snapped in a link.

Cruppers with buckles on all horses preferred.

Loin straps and trace bearers are permissible.

Face pieces (drops).

Martingale around the collars of wheelers and not through kidney link alone.

Martingales on all horses.

Pole chains should be burnished or black, but pole head and chains must be alike. Hooks should have india-rubber rings, not spring hooks.

Chains with single hooks should be put on pole head from inside out, then passed through the kidney link, and hooked into one of the links of the chains.

Cruppers on wheelers but not necessarily on leaders, unless bearing reins are used. Trace bearers on the leaders from the hames to the tug buckles are permissible.

No loin straps.

Face pieces (optional).

Martingale around the collar and not through kidney link alone.

No martingales on leaders; kidney-link rings on leaders.

Mountings of Coach harness and the buttons on servants' liveries should be of the same metal.

Wheel traces with metal loop ends, not chains.

Wheelers' inside traces shorter than outside traces, unless the inside roller bolt is enlarged to give the same result.

Lead traces straight or lapped, not crossed.

Eyes on ends of hames through which the kidney links pass.

Plain kidney links.
No kidney-link rings on leaders.

Solid draught eyes on hames.

Clip inside of trace leather, and showing rivet heads only.

Mountings, preferably of brass, but at least all of the same metal throughout.

Wheel traces with French loop or chain ends. Chain put on roller bolt with chain out and ring in.

Wheelers' inside traces shorter than outside traces, unless the inside roller bolt is enlarged to give the same result.

Lead traces lapped, crossed, or straight.

Hook ends to hames.

Chain and short kidney links or all chain.

Ring draught eyes on hames.

One or more bearing reins are optional.

Full bearing reins with bit and bridoon.
Buxton bits preferred.

Single point strap to tug buckle.

Metal or ribbon fronts to bridles. If ribbon, the color should match the livery waistcoats.

The crest or monogram should be on the rosettes, face pieces, winkers, pads and martingale flaps.
Ribbon or colored rosettes are inappropriate.

Hame straps put on with points inside; *i. e.*, to the off side on the near horse and the near side on the off horse.

Reins of single brown leather.

Draught reins sewed in one piece with end buckles only.

Cruppers with or without buckles.
Martingale back strap.

Metal or leather fronts to bridles. If leather, the color to match the color of the Coach.

A crest or monogram is not generally used in road work, but instead lead bars or a special device in brass is put on the winkers and rosettes.

Hame straps put on with points inside; *i. e.*, to the off side on the near horse and the near side on the off horse.

Reins of single brown leather.

Draught reins sewed in one piece with end buckles only.

Lead traces with screw-heads of the cock-eyes up.

All parts of the harness should be double and neatly stitched.

Collars to be of black patent leather, shaped to the neck.

The hames bent to fit the collar accurately.

Harness black.—All straps should be of proper length, but not too short.

When the owner or his representative drives, the stable shutters should be down ; otherwise up.

Traces with screw-heads of the cock-eyes and chain ends up.

All straps preferably of single leather.

Collars may be of patent, plain black, or brown leather; straight, thick, and full padded.

The hames straight to fit the collar.

Harness black or brown.